



Docket No. LU 6078

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Michael ELDER, et al.

Serial No.: 10/539,683

Group Art Unit: 1625

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Examiner: T.A. SOLOLA

Title: **PREPARATION OF HETEROCYCLIC KETONES**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action bearing a mailing date of October 9, 2007. The three-month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire on January 9, 2008. A three-month petition for an extension of time accompanies this response. As such, this response is timely filed.

In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections, and allow all claims pending in this application.